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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the National Rifle Association I would like to express our strong support for Senate Bill 288 - Senator Tom Casperson's bill to improve the scientific management of wildlife. Since 1996, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission has been responsible for the regulation of hunting and the establishment of rules based on prudent, scientific management and evidence.

In addition to other small technical fixes, Senate Bill 288 would make the following pro-hunting improvements:

- Grant the Natural Resources Commission the authority to add species to the game list and establish hunting seasons while retaining the Legislature's authority to add and remove species from the list;
- Authorize the Natural Resources Commission to regulate fishing and the species of fish taken as they regulate the taking of all other game;
- Expand hunting opportunities for members of the U.S. military;
- Empower the Department of Natural Resources to develop a number of programs for the scientific management of fish and game animals such as hunter education, outreach and research related to hunting, fishing, game animals, predators and prey. This would include hunter/angler recruitment and retention and wildlife population surveys.

I ask that you give Senate Bill 288 your support when it comes up for a vote. Since the scientific management of wildlife in Michigan results in such numerous advantages, it is no surprise that there is a consensus emerging that we should manage wildlife scientifically.

Please feel free to share this letter with your constituents as well as with your fellow elected officials. As always, I'm available at (703) 267-1216 should you wish to discuss the NRA's position on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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